

CLAIM SET AS AMENDED

1. (Currently Amended) A locking means ~~for an on an~~ over-centre fastener for preventing unintentional opening of the fastener, ~~including comprising:~~

manually releasable snap-action retaining means (30, 34; 36) between a movable lever (21) and a stationary part (20, 27) of the fastener,

said retaining means comprising:

~~a spring (30; 36) attached to the lever (21a; 21b) and~~

~~abutment means (31; 38) associated with the stationary part (20, 27), characterized in that the and an elongate leaf spring (30) has one end attached to the at a first end thereof to a lever (21a) and an opposite,~~

~~a second end of said leaf spring being movable end thereof relative to said lever and forming engagement means (34a; 36a) adapted to engage the abutment means (31; 38) in a closed position of the fastener,~~

~~said opposite second end of the leaf spring being formed with guide means (34a, 34c; 36d, 36e) guiding movement of said opposite end of the spring relative to the lever (21a).~~

2. The locking means according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the spring is a~~ wherein said guide means comprises at least one portion of said leaf spring (30) bent to encompass a portion of said lever.

6. (New) The locking means according to claim 1, wherein the elongate leaf spring has a main plane extending in a normal, unstrained state along the inner side of a leg of the lever.

7. (New) The locking means according to claim 6, wherein the elongate leaf spring is formed with a hole at one end of the main plane, and another hole formed at a predetermined distance therefrom.